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Docket No.: 18921-001 NATL  
Customer No.: 35437  
For: **METHOD FOR DIRECT NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCING**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the June 1, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before August 2, 2004 (August 1, 2004, being a Sunday). A check in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), for a small entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. **50-0311**, Reference Number: 18921-001 NATL, Customer No. **35437**. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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